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With reference to the above-identified, we are providing an three month extension of time for this matter.

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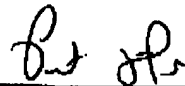
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), petition is made for a three (3) month extension of time to file an Amendment in response to the final Office Action, which was due October 20, 2006 the Response now being due January 20, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required to Deposit Order Account 19-0079.

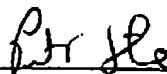
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